

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claimed invention is respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application in condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-27 are still pending in this application.

It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited in the Office Action, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments of the claims, as presented herein, are not made for purposes of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§§§ 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these amendments and additions are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a) REJECTIONS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME

Claims 1, 3, 8-9, 12-13, 18-19, 21, 24 and 27 were rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Niu et al. (US 2008-0073505 -“Niu”).

Claims 2, 4-7, 10-11, 14-17, 20, 22-23, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niu.

The Office Action indicated that no certified English translation of the priority document (KR 10-2004-0017901) had been received. However, this is incorrect.

The certified English translation was filed on 3 June 2009 (see attached Transaction History). The first page of the specification contains the declaration by the translator.

As the applicants have met the requirements for perfecting the foreign priority claim, Niu is ineligible for use as prior art and therefore, the anticipation and obviousness rejections over Niu should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks herewith, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution. The Commission is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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